



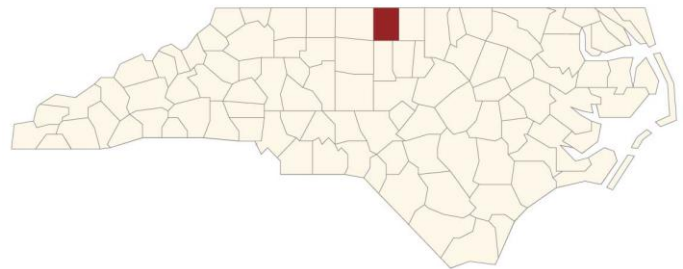
On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama. ARRA provides increased support to several existing federal programs administered by states, creates new programs such as the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund, and offers opportunities for states to apply for competitive grant programs.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's significant investment in North Carolina totaled almost \$19.5 billion, including assistance for those needing help the most through increases in unemployment benefits, Medicaid payments, and food stamps. In addition to those expanded services, ARRA gives hundreds of thousands of working North Carolinians a break through tax credits like the *Making Work Pay* tax credit and the *First Time Homebuyer's* tax credit.

The Recovery Act is not like earlier attempts to revive the nation's economy. It is not only a one-time infusion of federal funds; instead it is a long-term effort to restore economic expansion in the short-term, as well as prepare the nation's economy for stable, healthy long-term growth. Under the terms of the Recovery Act, support for North Carolina's economy will include both investments made directly by the federal government and investments of federal funds that are made under the oversight of the North Carolina state government.

## American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Report, Caswell County

Caswell County received more than \$21.5 million in ARRA funding in grants, loans, and bonds. The following report outlines the various funding categories that contributed to the Caswell County total.



**Water/Sewer Grants:**

1



**Small Business Jobs:**

5



**Appliances rebated:**

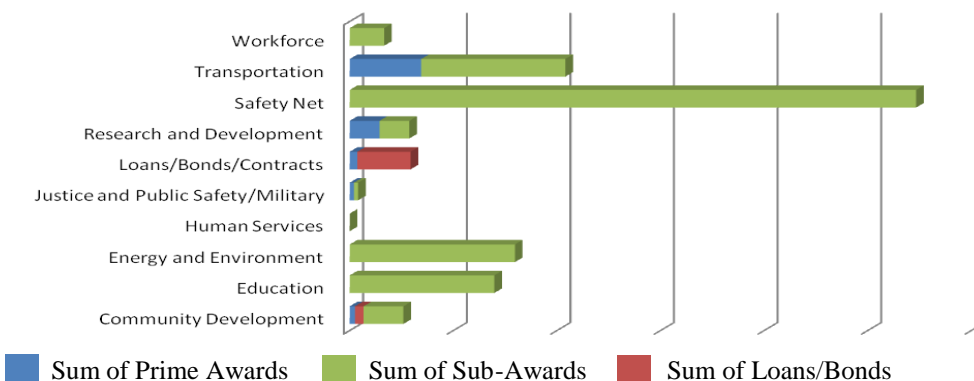
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**Family homes financed:**

9

### Caswell County Totals



**Caswell County,**

pop 23,501 at a glance:

**Recovery Act Totals:**

Grants: \$20,386,359.99

Loans: \$1,196,615

**Total: \$21,582,974**



## Education

The Recovery Act placed a special emphasis on maintaining education funding. Governor Beverly Perdue furthered this commitment by pledging additional recovery funds from the Recovery Act to education, and leading North Carolina to additional funds by winning \$400 million in the Race to the Top program.

Most of the ARRA education funds are distributed to local schools through existing funding formulas. Special Education Funds and Title I funds go to schools based on eligible student enrollment. State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) and the EduJobs grants were designed to hold schools harmless during the recession, and were distributed to public and charter schools. The school systems have spent the majority of the funds on staff and support. Some projects, such as Race to the Top, will be spent for purchasing products and services rather than salaries for staff.

Authorization for low/no interest bonds for school construction/renovation followed the Department of Public Instruction procedures with initial allotments to the school systems. If a school system could not utilize their allotment, it was released to other school systems that could utilize additional allotments.

**Caswell County schools** received \$3.4 million in education funding, including \$690,226 in Special Education funds, \$512,591 in Title I funds, \$1.9 million in SFSF funds, and \$332,556 million in Race to the Top funding.



## Family Assistance

The Federal Department of Agriculture increased funding to their Single-Family home program with the ARRA. These resources assisted families in achieving the American Dream of home ownership through direct financial assistance (grants) or credit (loan guarantees). This program pumped more than \$729 million into North Carolina, providing assistance to more than 5,400 families.

**In Caswell County**, 9 families received assistance through this program totaling more than \$988,115.

The Department of Energy created the Energy Star Appliance rebate program to help stimulate the economy by incentivizing the purchase of new, more energy efficient appliances, and helping consumers by providing long-term savings from their utility bills. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce managed the program insuring North Carolina residents and retailers received the maximum benefit from this opportunity. North Carolina retailers sold more than 25,500 new energy efficiency appliances through this program, and North Carolina residents will enjoy energy savings for years to come. The program was so successful, that the State Energy Office reprogrammed additional funding to provide discounts to everyone participating in the program, bringing the total program value from \$8 up to \$10 Million.

**Caswell County** retailers sold 28 appliances through the Energy Star Appliance rebate program.



## Small Business Assistance

The ARRA provided tax breaks, increased depreciation of business assets, and incentives for hiring for small businesses through the tax law changes found in Part B of the Act. The Recovery Act also established direct aid programs through the federal Small Business Administration (SBA) and US Department of Agriculture (USDA). These programs provided grants, loans and loan guarantees to grant small businesses access to much-needed operational credit during 2009 and 2010.

**In Caswell County** 1 small business received an SBA loan guarantee worth almost \$15,000. According to the small business receiving this loan, the Recovery Act saved or created 5 jobs.



## Farm Assistance

The Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program is administered by the Farm Services Administration in the federal Department of Agriculture, which provides assistance to farmers suffering crop losses due to natural disasters. To qualify for the program a farm must have lost at least 10% of one crop during a natural disaster in a declared disaster county, or lost 50% of a crop during a disaster in a non-disaster county. North Carolina farmers received more than \$9 million in total payments under the ARRA-Funded SURE Program.

**In Caswell County**, \$34,182 was received in assistance to farmers because of crop loss to natural disasters.



## Justice and Public Safety Programs

ARRA increased funding to the federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grants Program (JAG). JAG funds were awarded both as a formula allocation to the State, for \$34.5 million, and grants distributed by the Governor's Crime Commission to various local governments and entities. In addition, \$21,853,798 went to 216 local governments across the state for various purposes in line with the requirements of the act. Finally, there is a federal competitive portion that was open to state or local government applicants.

**In Caswell County**, the Caswell County Government received JAG program grants worth \$80,000.



## Environment and Natural Resources Programs

ARRA funded several programs to protect the environment, or to develop natural resources more efficiently. These programs ranged from environmental clean-up, such as leaking underground storage tank abatement and Brownfields

programs, to EPA clean air grants, wildfire prevention grants, and revolving funds to build, expand, or overhaul existing water and sewer programs. These programs provided nearly \$150 million across North Carolina.

**In Caswell County**, the Caswell Beach Town Hall received \$40,000 for water and sewer upgrades.



## Safety Net Programs

Safety net programs are the category of ARRA funding that consists of programs designed to help populations made particularly vulnerable by the economic crisis. These generally include increases in existing programs, most notably the increase in both benefit level and duration of unemployment payments. Increases in the amount and duration of unemployment payments makes up the largest chunk of safety net programs funded through the Recovery Act, totaling more than \$3.5 billion statewide over more than two years. Safety net programs such as unemployment insurance and SNAP (formerly known as Food Stamps), not only benefit the recipient, but have a proven economic impact on a community.

**Caswell County** residents received more than \$7.8 million in Unemployment Insurance increases during the 2 ½ year ARRA benefits increase. County residents also received \$1.8 million in SNAP benefit increases, and \$1.2 million in one-time payments of \$250 to social security recipients.

# Caswell County Feature Story

## Caswell County Fights Fire with Recovery Opportunities

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funded lots of projects established at the federal or state level designed to have large impacts on the whole of North Carolina. However, ARRA allowed several funded programs the flexibility for local governments to create their own programs and to make applications designed at the county or municipal level. One of these programs was the federal Department of Agriculture's Community Facilities Program. The Community Program provide loans, grants, and loan guarantees for a variety of community selected high-impact projects, such as water and environmental projects, as well as community facilities projects. Community Facilities projects develop essential community facilities for public use in rural areas and may include hospitals, fire protection, safety, as well as many other community-based initiatives.

The Yanceyville Municipal Volunteer Fire Department is an all volunteer department in Caswell County. The Department is made up of 27 members who serve not only the town, but extend into the county as the need arises in support of county fire departments.



The department is responsible for the routine maintenance and care of all equipment and a high level of readiness for any incident. Responsibilities also include: cleaning, inspection, repairs and testing of all department resources to ensure a safe and efficient work environment at the fire department.

The town of Yanceyville made an application through the Recovery-funded Community Facilities program for a new fire truck to assist the volunteer Fire Department to help better serve the town and county. The town was awarded more than \$250,000 for the new equipment.



- Body Model: Rescue Pumper
- Body Material: Aluminum
- Model: IH 4400
- Engine: 330 Maxxforce
- Pump Capacity: 1250 Oflo
- Water Tank: 1000
- Foam Tank: 30
- Generator: Smartpower 10kw

The town of Yanceyville took delivery of the completed E-One Pumper Fire Truck on February 17, 2011. All of Yanceyville volunteer firefighters have been trained on the new truck, and it went into service in April, 2011.

## Appendix, Caswell County breakout

| Federal Agency                               | Program Title   | Recipient name                              | Recipient role <sup>i</sup> | Prime Amount <sup>ii</sup> | Unique Sub Awards <sup>iii</sup> | Loans        | Additional Economic Activity (not counted toward totals) <sup>iv</sup> |
|--|---|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|--|
|  | Bonds   |   | P                           |                            |                                  | \$0.00       |  |
|  | Very Low to Moderate Income Housing Loans - Guaranteed  | Individuals                                 | L                           |                            |                                  | \$988,115.00 |  |
| Department of Agriculture                    | Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program   | Multiple Individuals                        | S                           |                            | \$1,847,331.61                   |              |  |
| Department of Health and Human Services      | Aging Home-Delivered Nutrition Services for States  | Caswell Senior Services                     | SV                          | \$0.00                     | \$0.00                           | \$0.00       |  |
|  | No CFDA for Contract type awards  | Caswell Family Medical Center Inc., The     | P                           | \$145,955.00               | \$0.00                           | \$0.00       |  |
| Department of Housing and Urban Development  | Community Development Block Grants - State HI   | Yanceyville, Town Of                        | S                           | \$0.00                     | \$500,000.00                     | \$0.00       |  |
| Department of Justice                        | Recovery Act - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program / Grants To Units Of Local Government | Caswell, County of                          | P                           | \$40,422.00                |                                  | \$0.00       | \$40,422.00  |
|  |   |   |                             | \$40,422.00                |                                  | \$0.00       | \$40,422.00  |
| Department of Labor                          | Unemployment Insurance  | Multiple Individuals                        | S                           |                            | \$7,844,926.38                   |              |  |
| Environmental Protection Agency              | Capitalization Grants for Clean Water State Revolving Funds   | Caswell Beach Town Hall                     | S                           | \$0.00                     | \$3,000,000.00                   | \$0.00       |  |
| Federal Highway Administration               | Highway Planning and Construction   | North Carolina Department Of Transportation | P                           | \$1,379,720.00             |                                  | \$0.00       | \$1,379,720.00   |
|  |   | Riley Paving Inc.                           | PV                          | \$0.00                     |                                  | \$0.00       | \$1,376,685.56   |
| Federal Transit Administration               | Formula Grants for Other Than Urbanized Areas   | Caswell, County of                          | S                           | \$0.00                     | \$26,834.00                      | \$0.00       |  |
| Health Resources and Services Administration | ARRA - Grants to Health Center Programs   | Caswell Family Medical Center Inc., The     | P                           | \$429,445.00               |                                  | \$0.00       | \$429,445.00   |
|  |   |   |                             | \$145,955.00               |                                  | \$0.00       | \$145,955.00   |
| Idaho Operations Office                      | Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program (EEARP)   |   | P                           |                            | \$4,550.00                       | \$0.00       |  |

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|--|---|--------------------------------|---|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>National Energy Technology Laboratory</b>                   | State Energy Program  | Catawba College                | S | \$0.00         | \$184,270.00    | \$0.00         |                |
| <b>Office of Elementary and Secondary Education</b>            | State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Education State Grants, Recovery Act           | Caswell County Schools         | S | \$0.00         | \$1,919,406.00  | \$0.00         |                |
|  | State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Race-to-the-Top Incentive Grants, Recovery Act | Caswell County Schools         | S | \$0.00         | \$332,556.00    | \$0.00         |                |
|  | Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies, Recovery Act                              | Caswell County Schools         | S | \$0.00         | \$512,591.00    | \$0.00         |                |
| <b>Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services</b> | Special Education - Preschool Grants, Recovery Act                                      | Caswell County Schools         | S | \$0.00         | \$26,115.00     | \$0.00         |                |
|  | Special Education Grants to States, Recovery Act  | Caswell County Schools         | S | \$0.00         | \$664,111.00    | \$0.00         |                |
| <b>Rural Housing Service</b>                                   | Community Facilities Loans and Grants   | Yanceyville, Town Of           | P | \$0.00         |                 | \$168,500.00   | \$168,500.00   |
|  |   |                                |   | \$100,000.00   |                 | \$0.00         | \$100,000.00   |
| <b>Small Business Administration</b>                           | Loans   | Taylor Healthcare Service, P.C | L |                |                 | \$40,000.00    |                |
| <b>SSA</b>   | Social Security Economic Recovery Act Payments  | Multiple Individuals           | P |                | \$1,241,750.00  |                |                |
| <b>Grand Total</b>   |   |                                |   | \$2,281,919.00 | \$18,104,440.99 | \$1,196,615.00 | \$3,681,149.56 |

<sup>i</sup> Recipient Role are as follows: P is a prime recipient; S is a Sub-recipient; PV is a vendor to a prime recipient; SV is a vendor to a sub-recipient; L is a loan recipient.

<sup>ii</sup> Prime Amounts are unique prime awards within a county. These are entities who have received funding directly from a federal agency, and are required to report directly to [www.federalreporting.gov](http://www.federalreporting.gov)

<sup>iii</sup> Unique Sub Awards are amounts that flow into a county from a source that is NOT directly from a Federal Agency. Generally these are funds awarded to the North Carolina State Government that have been directed to a local source.

<sup>iv</sup> Additional Economic Activity are economic activity attributable to a previous funding category. They may be a sub award by a prime recipient within a county, or a contract funded by one of the previous three columns. This economic activity is not counted toward the county total.